



CG's Cup

Standings

SOI comes through on promise, wins D2

■ Unit claims eighth CG's Cup points title in nine tries with victory over I MEF; MAG takes D1 crown

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"I think we will definitely be on top again next year. Definitely."
— SOI Chief Warrant Officer Brad Phillips in December after finding out his unit's streak of seven straight CG's Cup crowns had ceased

Webster's Dictionary defines dynasty as "a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time."
Is the School of Infantry a dynasty? Well, with its recent performance in Commanding General's Cup competition, it's hard to argue with that lofty designation.

Six months ago, after its streak of seven consecutive CG's Cup titles was snapped, the unit predicted it would regain the top spot in Division 2. Guess what? It did just as it said it would with a 431-359.5

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5. Weapons and Field Training Battalion came in a distant third with 192 CG's Cup points.

The victory marked SOI's eighth title in the last nine halves; and for good measure, the unit's women took their third straight CG's Cup title.

According to SOI Sgt. Maj. Timothy Bauman, the unit takes the CG's Cup competition very seriously, and counts on the top spot's prize money to help with its annual Marine Corps Ball.

"We take the winnings and put (them) toward the Marine Corps Ball every year," said Bauman, whose squad took home \$2,250 combined for winning the two divisions. The men's title was worth \$1,500 and the women's brought in \$750.

"It's a lot more fun competing in sports than washing cars. And it's a great way to get the whole command involved," Bauman said.

Assault Craft Unit 5 collected the \$1,000 second-place check in Division 2, with Weapons and Field Training Battalion claiming \$500 for third place.

Once again, Marine Aircraft Group 39 was the Division 1 champion with 397 CG's Cup points — 52 better than second-place finisher Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base. Ninth Communication came in third, 164 points behind MAG.

For taking first place, MAG earned \$2,000. SOI (\$1,500) and 9th Comm. (\$1,000) also cashed in for finishing second and third, respectively.

Like SOI, MAG-39 has posted impressive numbers, finishing first or second in the last 15 halves, with six first-place finishes since 1997.

MAG athlete Dave King believes

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CG's Cup Basketball

ALL-BASE CHAMPIONSHIP



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HQ&SPT. GOES UNDEFEATED TWO YEARS STRAIGHT

COACH | ERIC WILSON

NETS OFF: Hq&Spt.'s basketball squad teamed up one more time May 26 to cut down the net at the 11 Area Fieldhouse. The victory over SOI marked Hq&Spt.'s 45th consecutive win and second straight All-Base Championship.

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Stubborn SOI leaves Hq&Spt. stressed, sweaty ... but still champs

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Basketball coaches' ties fall to the floor all the time. When games are on the line, ties come off, sweat beads drip from veiny foreheads and throats go raw.

That's just life for those who walk the sideline.

Eric Wilson had been fortunate. As the head coach for league-powerhouse Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Wilson's blood pressure stayed on an even keel throughout the 2004 campaign — and his clothes remained on his body.

Until May 26, that is. Wilson found out all about stress — and his expensive silk tie found a spot underneath the bench — in the Commanding General's Cup All-Base Championship Basketball Game, where Hq&Spt. clashed with the School of Infantry in one of the greatest, most exciting intramural basketball finals of all time.

"That was the first time I had to take

my tie off all season," Wilson said with a laugh after his team won its second consecutive championship and its 45th consecutive game dating back to last season with a pressure-packed 73-67 victory over SOI.

"I took off my tie, I unbuttoned my shirt, my jacket came off and, if it would have gotten any hotter, I might have had to take off my pants."

That didn't happen. But with nearly the entire audience in attendance rooting against it, Hq&Spt. did what great teams always do: It found a way to win. "This game went so fast, and so much went on in the first half," an exhausted Wilson said after cutting down a net at the 11 Area Fieldhouse and putting it around his neck. "In the second half, I was just focused on every single possession. ... But these guys pulled it out. They boxed out, they rebounded, they

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CG's Cup Soccer

Last season's top competitors out of 2004 league picture

■ Soccer finalists from '03 deployed, leaves intramural field wide open

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With the 2004 Commanding General's Cup Soccer league set to begin on June 14, the big question is ... where are the top dogs?
The answer: They're deployed as part of Opera-

tion Iraqi Freedom.

Neither defending-champion 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion nor runner-up 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit had a representative present at the preseason soccer meeting May 26 at the Marine Corps Community Services sports conference room.

Most of the 10 or so teams present were aware the 11th MEU — which went undefeated during regular-season play in 2003, only to lose a heart-breaker in the championship against 1st LAR — would deploy and not be a part of this year's

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HERE COME THE BIG KICKS: The 2004 soccer season starts June 14.